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E.O. 11652: GDS, 12-31-80

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SUBJECT: MBFR DATA SUBGROUP MEETING, FEBRUARY 12

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: A. STATE 27046 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 0693 (NOTAL)

C. USNATO 0600 (NOTAL)

D. USNATO 0591 (NOTAL)

E. STATE 19284 (NOTAL)

F. STATE 15501 (NOTAL AND STATE 17839 (NOTAL)

G. USNATO 0360 (NOTAL)

H. USNATO 6125 DEC 14, 1973(NOTAL)

SUMMARY: MBFR DATA SUPPORT SUBGROUP MET ON FEBRUARY 12 TO  
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ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE NATO GROUND MANPOWER FIGURES AND TO  
DEVELOP AIR MANPOWER FIGURES FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE. US  
REP DREW FULLY ON GUIDANCE IN STATE 27046. BELGIUM, FRG,  
NETHERLANDS AND UK REPS WERE ASSISTED BY EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS.

ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN USNATO 0693 NOT COVERED IN STATE 27046 ON BERLIN FORCES AND FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF US AIR MANPOWER. ALSO RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AND POINTS IN PARAS BELOW, ESPECIALLY WHETHER US WILL SUBMIT IN NEXT FEW WEEKS ESTIMATES ON WP GROUND AND AIR MANPOWER OUTSIDE OF MC 161 PROCESS OR WHETHER US WILL AWAIT MARCH 1974 MC 161/74 CONFERENCE TO SUPPLY LATEST US ESTIMATES. CHAIRMAN STRESSED DATA SUBGROUP NEEDED TO KNOW US INTENTIONS BEFORE IT COULD REPORT TO MBFR WG. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO GROUND FORCES IN NGA. ON FEBRUARY 12 MBFR DATA SUPPORT SUBGROUP (SGDS) ADDRESSED QUESTION OF RECONCILING ESTIMATE OF 777 THOUSAND NATO GROUND MANPOWER IN NATO GUIDELINES AREA (NGA) WITH HIGHER ESTIMATE IN MILSTAM 31-73(REV). SGDS CHAIRMAN REPORTED ON HIS VISIT TO AD HOC GROUP (AHG) TO WHICH HE UNDERLINED PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH COLLECTING AND PROCESSING DATA AND STRESSED THAT ONLY NATO CAN PRODUCE NATO AGREED FIGURES. FRG DATA EXPERT (SCHMITBAUER) REAFFIRMED THAT FIGURE FOR FRG IS 341 THOUSAND, WHICH CREATES PRINCIPAL GAP BETWEEN ESTIMATES OF 777 THOUSAND AND 796 THOUSAND. FRG GETS HIGHER FIGURE BY COUNTING ARMY PERSONNEL NOT SERVING IN ARMY UNITS, I.E. ARMY PERSONNEL IN MOD, NATO HQS, ETC., AND CENTRAL MEDICAL UNITS. THE FIGURE OF 341 THOUSAND DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE RESERVISTS ON ACTIVE DUTY OR PERSONNEL RECEIVING VOCATIONAL TRAINING PREPARATORY TO RELEASE. FRG REP ARGUED THAT WHAT IS COUNTED FOR COUNTRIES WITH INDIGENOUS FORCES IS NECESSARILY DIFFERENT THAN FOR COUNTRIES WITH STATIONED FORCES AND ADDED THAT WHEN THERE ARE NO LONGER 18 MONTH INDUCTEES ON ACTIVE DUTY, FRG WILL STILL HAVE ROUGHLY 341 THOUSAND ARMY PERSONNEL. FRG REP (SCHMITBAUER) SAID PART OF CONFUSION OVER FIGURES WAS THAT FRG HAD NO EXPERT IN VIENNA ON COMPOSITION OF FORCES.

2. NETHERLANDS REP AGREED AD REFERENDUM THAT 7 THOUSAND PERSONNEL ON SHORT LEAVE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE COUNTED, THUS MAKING A NEW TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 70 THOUSAND FOR THE NETHERLANDS. CHAIRMAN SAID NEW GROUND TOTAL FOR NATO IN NGA IS APPROXIMATELY 796 THOUSAND (SEE MILSTAM 31-73 (REV)). CHAIRMAN ASKED IF U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUND FIGURES WERE PEACETIME AUTHORIZED OR ACTUAL. US REP SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US GROUND ESTIMATES WERE PEACETIME AUTHORIZED WHICH VARIED VERY LITTLE FROM ACTUAL DAY-TO-DAY STRENGTHS. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE MIGHT BE A LARGER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEACETIME AUTHORIZED AND ACTUAL WHICH WOULD SERVE TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE LATEST NATO ESTIMATE OF 796 THOUSAND AND THE 777 THOUSAND ESTIMATE. IS THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE?

3. NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE. CHAIRMAN URGED COUNTRIES TO MAKE THEIR ANNUAL UPDATES TO THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE. IS DATA BASE EXPERT (BASELT) SAID HE EXPECTED SUBMISSION FROM ALL CENTRAL REGION COUNTRIES BY END-FEBRUARY. IS REP UNDERSTOOD US SUBMISSION TO NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE WOULD REPRESENT ACTUAL

STRENGTHS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973. IS THIS TRUE? CHAIRMAN  
CITED LACK OF INFORMATION FROM US ON BERLIN BRIGADE EQUIPMENT AND  
PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT IN NGA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM  
FRG, US REP REPLIED THAT 193 THOUSAND US FIGURE INCLUDED MAAG  
PERSONNEL IN NGA.

4. SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATING OF DATA. US REP ASKED FOR REACTION TO  
US PROPOSAL TO UPDATE DATA ROUTINELY ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS.  
IS REP SAID NATO WAS APPROACHING LEVEL OF TECHNICAL COMPETENCE  
TO HANDLE COMPUTER UPDATING TWICE A YEAR BASED ON FULL NATIONAL  
INPUTS TO NATO DATA BASE. US REP REPLIED HE DIDN'T BELIEVE HIS  
AUTHORITIES HAD IN MIND A TWICE YEARLY FULL SUBMISSION TO  
NATO DATA BASE.

5. WP GROUND FORCES IN NGA. CHAIRMAN SAID HE WILL BE RELEASING  
IN MARCH REVISED VERSION OF PART 3 OF AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND REV)  
AND THAT US ESTIMATES ON NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT (NSWP) GROUND  
FORCES WOULD ONLY BE INCLUDED AS FOOTNOTES. CHAIRMAN ADDED  
US HAS NOT OFFERED AMENDMENTS ON NSWP GROUND FORCES TO NATO  
AGREED DATA IN MC 161/73 (SEE USNATO 0360). CHAIRMAN ASKED  
WHETHER US WILL SUBMIT REVISED ESTIMATE OUTSIDE OF MC 161/74  
PROCESS OR WHETHER US WILL HOLD RECOMMENDED CHANGES UNTIL  
MARCH 1974 MC 161 CONFERENCE. PLEASE ADVISE COURSE OF ACTION  
US PLANS.

COMMENT. WE UNDERSTAND US HAS DRAFTED GROUND SECTION FOR INCLUSION  
IN MC 161/74 AND ASSUME DRAFT WILL TRACK WITH US MBFR DATA. END  
COMMENT.  
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6. AIR MANPOWER IN NGA. CHAIRMAN ADDRESSED QUESTION OF DEVELOPING  
NATO AND WP AIR MANPOWER FIGURES FOR THE NGA. FRG REP SAID SUB-  
GROUP COULD DEVELOP AIR MANPOWER DATA BUT INFORMATION SHOULD NOT  
BE FORWARDED TO AHG WITHOUT APPROVAL BY NAC. CHAIRMAN AGAIN  
QUERIED IF 34 THOUSAND FOR U.S. INCLUDED FORCES IN BERLIN.  
UK SUBMITTED A REVISED, HIGHER ESTIMATE OF 9,862, INCLUDING 600  
IN BERLIN (SEE PARA 3 OF USNATO 693). UK ATTRIBUTES PART OF  
HIGHER ESTIMATE TO INTRODUCTION OF JAGUAR. CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR  
AND RECEIVED AGREEMENT THAT NATO ESTIMATE ON NATO AIR MANPOWER  
BE BASED ON NATIONAL INPUTS. CHAIRMAN IS REVIEWING COUNTRY  
ESTIMATES AND ANTICIPATES ESTIMATE FOR NATO AIR MANPOWER IN  
NGA WILL BE ABOUT 197 THOUSAND. COUNTRY ESTIMATES FOLLOW:

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BELGIUM 20,407

CANADA 1,260

FRG 111,000

NETHERLANDS 20,323

UK 9,862 (INCLUDING 600 IN BERLIN)

US 34,000

FRANCE - (NOT YET AVAILABLE; US ESTIMATES 1,000)

DO U.S. ESTIMATES ON FRANCE AND UK INCLUDE BERLIN FORCES

(SEE PARA 4 OF STATE 19284)?

7. CHAIRMAN AGAIN REQUESTED FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF U.S. AIR  
MANPOWER IN NGA. IN RESPONSE TO US QUERY ON PURPOSE OF BREAKOUT,  
CHAIRMAN SAID INFORMATION WAS NEEDED FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES.  
US REP ASKED IF WP AIR MANPOWER COULD BE BROKEN OUT ALONG SAME  
LINES. CHAIRMAN SAID RESULTS OF MC 161/74 CONFERENCE WOULD  
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ANSWER QUESTION.

8. CHAIRMAN ASKED IF U.S. ESTIMATES ON WP AIR MANPOWER WITH  
DETAILED EXPLANATIONS, WOULD BE SUBMITTED OUTSIDE OF MC 161/74  
PROCESS OR WILL U.S. AWAIT MARCH 1974 MC 161 CONFERENCE  
TO TABLE U.S. ESTIMATES. PLEASE ADVISE OF WASHINGTON'S IN-  
TENTIONS. CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT FRG HAS PREPARED INITIAL  
DRAFT (BASIC WORKING PAPER) FOR AIR SECTION OF MC 161/74. MISSION  
SUGGESTS WASHINGTON CONSIDER CONSULTING WITH FRG ON WP AIR  
MANPOWER ESTIMATES PRIOR TO MC 161 CONFERENCE.

9. DOWNGRADING OF PART 2 OF AC/276-WP(73)14(2ND REVISE). BELGIUM  
CANNOT AGREE TO DOWNGRADING PART 2; NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE  
DOUBTED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO DOWNGRADING. CHAIRMAN

STATED PART 2 WOULD HAVE TO RETAIN CTS CLASSIFICATION.

10. REFERENCE LIST OF MBFR TERMS AND DEFINITIONS. CHAIRMAN  
REPORTED CIRCULATING REVISED EDITION (SEE USNATO 600) AND ASKED  
IF COUNTRIES OBJECTED TO SENDING REFERENCE LIST TO AHG IN  
VIENNA. DOES WASHINGTON OBJECT?  
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